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The invention describes novel peptides which, as ligands of the integrin $\alpha_{\nu}\beta_{6}$, are biologically active. These peptides all have a common structural motif, namely - Asp Leu Xaa Xaa Leu -, or in a preferred form -Arg Xaa Asp Leu Xaa Xaa Leu Arg - (SEQ ID NO: 1), where Xaa is any desired amino acid residue. The peptides according to the invention can be employed as effective inhibitors of the $\alpha_{\nu}\beta_{6}$ integrin receptor and thus for the treatment of various diseases and pathological findings.